To-Morrow's MORNING WORLD.

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# NICOLL WITHDRAWS POOR TINA.

He Declares Further Market Investigation to Be Useless.

An Allegation that Witnesses Are Under Official Intimidation.

The Counsellor Indignantly Denies Be ing Paid by Tammany Hall.

De Lancey Nicoll opened the proceedings before the Commissioners of Accounts this morning by withdrawing from the investigation into the allotment of stands in the new West Washington Market.

He did not go out, however, without leaving the impression that he had been there. In stating his reason for withdrawing Mr. Nicoll addressed the Commissioners, reviewing the proceedings already had and arraigning the Comptroller's office. He said, among other things ;

"It has been suggested in interviews published in the Sunday papers that for my services in this investigation I am paid with money from the treasury of Tammany Hall: that I am paid by that organization to 'pound' the Comptroller and the County Democracy.

"I desire to refute that statement. No one has paid me a cent excepting my clients, the marketmen who were excluded in the allot-ment made by the Comp'roller. ment made by the Comp'roller.

"In withdrawing from participation in this investigation, I want to say that I have no public duty to perform. I represent only twenty or thirty clients who, instead of paying their money to secure stands, chose rather to investigate the methods by which stands were allotted. When I was asked to take charge of this investigation I said it must be thorough and complete, no matter who was hurt, and then I only consented to appear when I was assured that the Commissioners of Accounts desired my co-operation and assistance.

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"Everything that my clients charged in their letter to the Mayor has been proven by the evidence which is before you. The case is fully made out. Money was paid for stand privileges, while permits were granted to political heelers who only desired to dispose of their stands to my clients at a profit.

"We have even proven in one instance that the Comptroller encouraged the sale of stands, and was consulted as to the sucent

that the Comptroller encouraged the sale of stands, and was consulted as to the amount for which a stand should be sold.

"We had reached a point in the investigation where we were about showing the seething mass of corruption at the bottom of this whole affair. Bribary was proven when the Comptroller stepped in and cut off the head of the man who confessed that he had been bled and blackmailed.

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They consulted with me as to their course
and I said to them: "Gentlemen, the Comptroller has made it practically impossible to
prove further acts or bribery and blackmail,
and there is no use of proceeding further."

"I understand that the revocation of Mr.
Kilby's permit has been resemded temporarily, but the threat still exists and every
s'and holder knows that if he shall testify
that he was compelled to pay money for his
privileges he will be forced to retire from the privileges he will be forced to retire from the

market."
Mr. Nicoll said that the attitude of the Corporstion Counsel in the investigation had changed. He had had an interview with that official and had been assured and felt satisfied that the investigation would be carried on on the lines on which he (Mr. Nicoll) had

begun it.

The Comptroller, he said, could not look upon the Corporation Counsel as his perupon the Corporation Council upon the Corporation Counsel.

Mr. Nicoli closed by offering all the memomr. of the Comranda and other information regarding the case in his possession for the use of the Com-

case in his possession for the use of the Commissioners.

Commissioner Holohan, in commen ing on
Mr. Nicoll's remarks, said:

The Commissioners fully appreciate the
unfortunate situation of affairs. We entered
upon this investigation under the instruction
of our superior officer with a determination
to make it fair, full and impartial, and
I will say right here that it would be much
more pleasant for me if we could send a report to the Mayor vindicating the officials of
the Finance Department.

"That we have been in any way actuated

That we have been in any way actuated by political reasons in this investigation I wish to deny. Simply because we belong to one political organization, it must not be imagined that we are to be used as a club to knock down a prominent official of another organization. No person or party ever succeeded by vilifying another person or party.

"It was indeed, an unfortunate circumstance, this revocation of Mr. Kilby's per-mit, but we do not wish to question the Comptroller's motive in acting as he did. "The Commissioners of Accounts are conducting this investigation not with the idea of saving anybody or persecuting anybody. We are trying to get at the whole facts, and we intend to carry out the eximination on the line we have laid down.

"To do that, I think that we should be allowed to choose counsel to assist us, and I

lowed to choose counsel to assist us, and I shall ask the Corporation Counsel that he designate Mr. Nicoli to do that service. "One of the most important parts of the investigation is yet to come—the examination of the Comptroller—and we should have the assistance of counsel who is thoroughly fa-miliar with the mass of testimenty already taken, when that point is reached."

AN INSANE HOUR.

Mrs. Ray and Mr. Richter Were Both Crazy at 3 A. M.

At 3 o'clock this morning Mrs. Margaret Ray, aged twenty-five, the wife of Druggist Robert Ray, of 11 Varick street, ran out of the house in her bare feet, while laboring under the delusion that some persons were trying to poison her. She acted in a violent manner, and Policeman Powers found it necessary to take her in charge. At Jefferson Market she told Justice Duffy that her husband wanted to get rid of her, and that she was not insane. She was committed for examination.

or examination as to her sanity.

Policeman W. G. Burke, of the Sixteenth Precinct, was called into 146 Seventh avenue, at 3 o'clock this morning, to arrest Herman Richter, who had shown evidences of insanity. He was also committed for examination.

\$500, or Cure Your Catarrh.

For a long series of years the manufacturers of Dr. Saor's Catarbu Rement, who are thoroughly responsible financially, as any one can easily ascertain by proper inquiry, have offered, through residuals.

Her Parents Impatiently Waiting to See Her.

They Fear She Has Become a Household Drudge.

Her Father Wanted Her to Go to School and Not to Work.

The Arguments for the Amendment Growing Stronger and Stronger.

THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT.

THE PHOPOSED AMENDMEN!
[Drams by a well-known Supreme Court Judge.]
7. All proceedings under this section (Sec. 291, Chap676, Larse of 1881, and Chap. 46, Larse of 1884), when
a commitment shall have been made, shall be subject to
review by any court of record, upon certiorari on the
facts and the law and in such a proceeding the commitment order or judgment may be affirmed or reversed or
modified in such manner and to such extent as may seem
best, or a reheaving of the charge ordered.

The parents and friends of little Tine Weiss are still impatiently awaiting the summons which Vice-President Tuska and Director Allen, of the United Hebrew Charities, promised to send them as soon as arrangements had been made to bring Tine back to the city.

The residence of her present guardians is still unknown to them, but the fact that it may be one or even two days' journey from the city ought not, they think, to be made the occasion of any further delay in producing the child.

It is now more than a week since the promise was given, and it was then understood that the parents would be given an opportunity of seeing Tina within a very few days, for Messrs. Allen and Tuska had had the case under consideration long before its details were made public by The Evening Wonld, although they had never made a personal investigation of the facts, until the storm of popular indignation had been aroused by the disclosures made in these columns.

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Then, according to Mr. Tuska's own declaration to the reporter of The Evering Wonld, it had been found that Mr. Gerry's Society had made a serious mistale in refusing to give up the child to its parents, for he had no doubt whatever that they were respectable and industrious people, and perfectly competent to bring up their children in comfort and educate them properly.

This being the case, the reason for the present delay in fulfilling that promise is not understood, and it is feared that through the influence of Jinkens and his emissaries the child may be again spirited off to some out-off the way place, where it will be still more difficult to trace it.

It is also suggested that there is another difficulty to be encountered in the opposition of the present guardians to give up the child. When they adopted it they took out legal papers of adoption and received a guaranty from Mr. Gerry's Society that no one could ever dispute their right to the custody of the child.

Although this guarantee was given with the

child.

Although this guarantee was given with the knowledge on the part of the S. P. C. C. that both parents were living and anxious to get possession of their child, it is thought that it may give the present guardians some legal claim which could only be disputed in a court of law.

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Although the statement is made that the child was adopted, it is feared by her parents that she is made to work for her living and is not being sent to school. The object of the father in bringing her with him alone to this not being sent to school. The object of the father in bringing her with him alone to this country, as he has said over and over again, was to place her in the free schools in this city so that she might get a good education.

She was growing up without any schooling in Russa, and being eleven years old and bright and clever beyond her years, he thought she could be learning something while he was working to bring over his wife and his other little child, who is now just about old enough to begin going to school.

"I don't want my child to work," said Mr. Weiss to The Evening World to day. "She is too young. I want her to go to school and get good learning. If I can get her back again I will give a bond to Mr. Gerry's Society or any other authority that I will keep her at school until she is seventeen years old. I can get plenty of men to sign it for me. I want my daughter to grow up a well educated woman, and I want to have the satisfaction of giving her that education myself. It is bad enough to take her away from me and teach her to think that I am a bad, cruel father, when I always loved her better than anything else on earth. But, to put her at work washing dishes and doing diving her for

anything else on earth. But, to put her at work washing dishes and doing drudgery for a household, it makes me almost crazy when I think of it.

"If I knew where she was nothing would

stop me from going and taking her away if I had to steal her."
Subscribers to the fund which Mrs. Kopelowich is raising are increasing daily, and one of the most prominent bankers in Wall street has interested himself actively in the cwase.

## HE DECLINES THE BISHOPRIC.

Rev. Dr. Satterlee Will Remain in His Work at Calvary Church.

Much to the gratification of his par ishioners, Rev. Dr. Henry Y. Satterlee, rector of Calvary Church, at Fourth avenue and Twenty-first street, has declined the bishopric of Michigan, which was lately tendered to

him.

In announcing his decision yesterday morning. Dr. Satterlee spoke of the plan of parish work which he had when he came to Calvary Church, and of his feeling that it was his duty to stand by that work and the builders of the church spiritual who were laboring with him.

This is the second offer of a bishopric declined by Dr. Satterlee within a year, the other having came from Ohio.

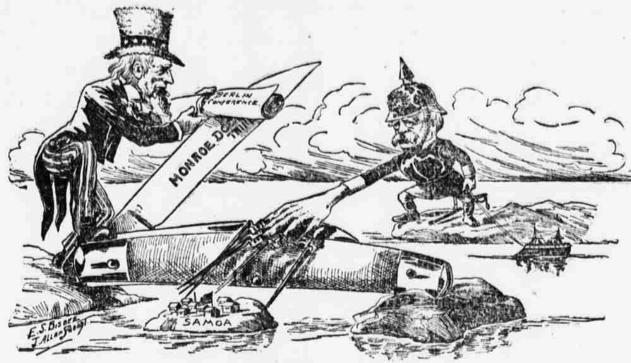
## QUEENSBERRY IN SECLUSION.

England's Sporting Marquis Invisible at the

The Marquis of Queensberry remains in strict seclusion at the Brevoort House, where he has given instructions that on no account is he to be disturbed by visitors. He did not enter his name on the register, and it was only by accident that his arrival became known outside of the hotel, much to his dis-

gust.
The notoriety attending the last visit of the titled Englishman in connection with the London Gaiety troupe has caused him to shun all publicity, hence his desire to remain

# THAT LITTLE SAMOAN DIFFICULTY.



How the Monroe Doctrine May Be Applied by Uncle 'Sam Under Mr. Blaine's Inspiration as Secretary of State.

## A CHINESE BARON IN TOWN. SUING THE WIDOW HASSETT. BOY BURGLARS AND PISTOLS.

HE IS WORTH NINETY-THREE MILLION MRS. KEELER WANTS THE VALUE OF A COMPELLED TO SURRENDER AFTER GOING AND SOME ODD DOLLARS.

Friend Attributes to Him Some Original Ideas of Viewing New York-The Baron Is Older Than He Used to Be, but Can-Speak English-His Fortune Teaches the Utility of Saving Penuics.

The Vanderbilt of the Flowery Kingdom, Baron Li Yen Pang, is in town, stopping emporarily at 35 Pell street.

His arrival was briefly chronicled in some of this morning's papers, but several inaccuracies occurred in the various reports, and these THE EVENING WORLD hastens to correct. For instance, instead of being worth only \$40,000,000, the Baron is credited with being

the possessor of at least \$93,757,219.55. He was worth \$93,757,220 when he reached New York last night, but had to give up 45 cents in car fare for himself and his retinue, going from the depot to his friend's home. He stood the loss very well, and hopes to

make it up to-day if business is good. The Baron was born quite young. but be gan to grow old and long at once. He never stopped getting bigger until he was nearly

six feet tall. He is still growing old at last accounts, hav ing lived more than fifty-three years.

He is in the dry-goods business in China, and has branch houses in nearly every large city in the world. His agents in Gotham are Messrs. Wing Wo Chong, of 35 Pell street, with whom he is stopping, and Sinn Quong, of 32 Mott street.

The Baron's education was somewhat neglected in his youth, and he cannot talk English. Therefore, he did not have the plea ure of an interview with a young man from THE EVENING WORLD who called to see him this morning, but a friend gave the reporter many interesting details of the Baron's

career. He said:
... The Baron heard so much in China about "The Baron heard so much in China about the size and magnificence of the East River Bridge that he determined to take a run over here to see it. As he is here, he will step in and inspect the Tombs, take a run around the block, eat dinner in Hitchcock's celebrated coffee-house, in Park Row, and then hasten to Africa to join the expedition in search of Stanley. If he finds him he will offer him the largest salary ever paid a white man, to open a retail dry-goods store somewhere in Central Africa. He feels that such a store is bound to pay there, because he has a store is bound to pay there, because he has read that the majority of the natives go about

dressed only in natural tights."
"How did the Barom amass his wealth?"
asked the reporter.
"By an original scheme. A penny in "By an original scheme. A penny in China is worth about 2 cents in copper here. It is alleged that in his youth the Baron saved up 100,000,000 pennies, which he snipped here and sold for old copper, thus getting a start in life. Since then he has gone on increasing his fortune, until to-day he is the richest man in China."

"How does he stand socially?"

"First rate. Why, he is a consin of Li Hung Chang, the Premier of China."

## SUICIDIST HERMAN KEIDEL.

His Employers Find Nothing in His Books

to Explain His Self-Destruction. The body of Herman F. Keidel, who committed suicide by shooting himself in the right temple, lay in the undertaking establishment at 524 Sixth avenue this morning, ready to be shipped for Baltimore this after-

Keidel was the manager of the New York branch of William Knabe & Co., piano manufacturers. The warerooms of the concern are at 112 Fifth avenue. Keidel slept in the

basement.

When Henry Campini, the porter, called with Keidel's breakfast yesterday morning he found his employer lying alongside the bathtub with a 38-calibre bullet-hole in his

The body was warm. Temporary insanity is supposed to have been the cause of the sui-

Campini said this morning that Keidel and Campini said this morning that Keidel and several friends were in the store rehearsing on Saturday night when Keidel suddenly left the place. On his way out he said to Campini: "I can stand the noise no longer." He were no overcoat, and did not carry an umbrella.

From the condition of his clothing when found, it is thought the suicide must have been out in the rain all night long.

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Mr. Keidel received a salary of \$3,000 a year and was largely interested in the libertos and programmes of the Metropolitan Opera-House.

Ernest Kenter

Opera-House,

Ernest Knabe and Charles Keidel, both members of the firm, came on from Balimore last night and made a hasty examination of the saicide's papers, but they could find nothing that would explain his suicide.

HUSBAND'S AFFECTIONS.

Inventory, and Tells a Sad Story of Their Allenation-Mrs. Hassett's Answer to the Charge-A Small Boy's Repetition of a Cook's Awkward Remarks.

One of the most singular of the phenomena of life is the rapidity with which the value of a husband who has been repeatedly informed by his wife that he is no account and a measiy old thing rises when that same wife discovers that he has been smiling at and smiled on by a wealthy rival in his affections. This is doubtless what Lawyer William A.

Keeler, who has an office at 335 Broadway, is

now pendering upon.

In 1850 he married Mary, the daughter of Janitor Frederick Stanbridge, of the Fast Forty-second street school. She was a tall, straight, slender and lithe brunette-of seventeen. He was a promising young lawyer of twenty-one years. A sweet little girl is the outcome of the union.

For six weeks Mrs. Keeler and the child have been with her parents and the neb her

For six weeks are, Receiver and the child have been with her parents, and through her counsel, ex-Judge W. T. Houston, late of the New Oricans bench, she sues Mrs. Sarah J. Hassett for the alienation of the affections of her hashand who, she alleges, has been be-witched by the widow of the late Thomas

Hassett,
Mrs. Keeler recites that Keeler's mother
No. Keeler recites the Keeler's mother Airs. Recier recites that Recier's mother gave him a fine house in East Seventy-fifth street, and it was nicely furnished. That they were happy till, in 1883, he became attorney for Mrs. Ha-seit and the latter began to exercise her wiles upon him. She would call him up on the telephone at his house and order him to take her to the theatre, to dinner, to hotels and the like, and he, presumably in his caracity of attorney, while obey ably in his capacity of attorney, would obey and would forget to come home till midnight or 2 o'clock in the morning, and sometimes

not till breakfast time.

He began to neglect his wife and child, abused the wife, contracted a dricking habit, sold his house, furniture and tibrary, and spent the proceeds on the bewitching widow. The wife expostulated with the widow, but was told to go to grass, and finally, as her

was told to go to grass, and finally, as her husband was not supporting her, she went home to her mother and brought this suit, asking for \$20,000 for damages to her "tenderest sensibilities" and "great distress of her body and mind and estate."

Mrs. Hassett, answering through her lawyers, Palmer & Boothby, denies each allegation, and declares that her relations with Keeler have been purely business relations, and alleges that this is all an attempt to blackmail her. blackmail her. Keeler himself makes affidavit that be

Keeler himself makes affidavit that he broke with his wife because she requested him to accompany Mrs. Hassett to some place where the surroundings would be suspictous, for the purpose of enabling his wife to commence an action for damages; and that on one occasion Mrs. Stanbridge, the mother and two sisters ioned in means him mother, and two sisters joined in urging him to assist them in procuring evidence and sug-gesting that be make affidavit that he had been guilty of illicit conduct with the Widow Hassett.

Mrs. Keeler, nervously twitching with

Mrs. Keeler, nervously twitching with anger and excitement, retold the story of her married life to an Evening Wondon reporter. She said Mrs. Hassett was torty-three years off, though the lawyer said she was a demure, motherly old lady of fifty-five, and Mrs. Hassett herself is said to have testified to but thirty-eight years in the Catherine Love will contest, in which she got \$12,000.

Mrs. Keeler said Mrs. Hassett had met and entertained Keeler at Mrs. Hassett had met and

Mrs. Keeler said Mrs. Hassett had met and entertained Keeler at Mrs. Allen's fashionable boarding-house, 76 West Forty-eighth street last Winter. There, Mrs. Allen's sister said. Mrs. Hassett boarded two months, having the rear parlor, Mr. Keeler called evenings, but made only short calls.

Mrs. Allen's thirteen-year-old son, a demure youth, put in calmly: "The cook says he stayed very late and waked her up going out."

Aunty frowned, but said nothing. She de-

scribed Mrs. Hassett as a very stout lady with light yellow hair, who kept a big board ing-house at 161 West Forty-sixth street and owned other houses. At the number given a pretty, black-eyed servant girl said Mrs. Hassett was out.

#### At Guttenburg To-Morrow. IMPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD, I

NORTH HUDSON DRIVING PARK, Feb. 18. Here are the entries for Guttenburg races Tues First Bace-Purse \$200 ; seven-eightlis of a mile ;

t Race-Purse \$200; seven-eighths of a mile; sell-allowaness. Petershurg. 123; Vaulter, 123; A. 117; Moawber, 115; Pat Oakley, 115; Glen nd, 115; Lagadete, 112 th. and Race-Purse \$200; seven-eighths of a mile; g allowaness. Hallsione, 127; Blues 125; er, 121; Savagr, 117; Ballot, 115; Voucher, 115; mo, 115; Jun Bredt, 115 h, d Race-Purse \$250; six and one-half furlongs. e. 118; Monta Cristo, 115; Wired Jay, 115; 15; Carlow, 115; Duke of Bourbon, 116; Savagr, 115; Lattle G., 110; Johnste h, 113; Valatile, 113; Latrle G., 110; Johnste h) Ban Thompson, 110; Can't Tell, 107; Geld 1816. 18 lb.
rth Race—Purse #200; seiling allowances; sever
rs of a mile.—Pendennia, 125; (ico, Angus, 125,
110; Velvet, 113; Solona, 104; Ten Rocal-

Fourth Races of a mile.—Pendennia, 123, 104; Ten Rossen, Argo, 119, Velvet, 113, Solona, 104; Ten Rossen, 104; B. Fich Race—Purse \$200; one mile and onseighth; selling allowances.—Amos. 115 Julia Miller, 103; selling allowances.—Amos. 115 Julia Miller, 103; selling allowances.—Amos. 115 Julia Miller, 103; selling Bonanza. 106; Henry B. 104; Nics. 106; Harrods burg, 105; King B., 100; Major, 100 lb. meet at the Hoffman House at 8 o'clock this evening for the transaction of important busi-ness. Eugene Kelly will be in the chair.

THROUGH FIVE STORES.

Bay on the Roof of 79 Chambers street-Believed to Be a Gang Which Has Done Much Sunday Work in the Dry-Goods

Policeman John F. Donohue, of the Leonard street station, arraigned in the Tombs Court this morning three determined young burglars whom he caught with difficulty last

When on his rounds, on Chambers street, about 7 o'clock, Donohue heard a noise in No. 79 and saw the three men running up-

He gave chase, and when he reached the roof the men were hiding behind the chim-

Having placed the trio under arrest the officer searched through the building. He found that the hardware store of Francis W. Robinson, in the building, had been entered by the burglass and nine ty-two revolvers carried off. These were found scattered about here and there, having evidently been thrown down by the men. The revolvers were valued at \$1,100. Nearly all the deaks and drawers had been proken open.

Further investigation proved that the burglass had also been operating on the premises of Mr. Toller, who had a picture manufactory in the upper part of the building.

There they did not get much, and at once began to rille the shoe store of Daniel W. Dietrich, of 63 Reade street, where the thieves treated themselves to a pair of fancy gaiters, each leaving their old ones behind. The desks and drawers here were also broken Having placed the trio under arrest the

The desks and drawers here were also broken open, evidently in search of money.

Thomas Taylor's cutlery establishment was also visited and \$10 worth of penkuives car-

also visited and \$100 worth of penkuives car-ried away. The wholesale burglarious work did not end here, for the trio went through the store of Marcus Mersop at 83 Reade street, but they got nothing there to satisfy their fastidious tastes, and returned to the building at 79 Chambers street, bent unques-tionably upon packing up the booty they thought they had safely secured, and were, as before streed, caught

before stated, caught.

They would give no nomes until arraigned in Court, when they said they were Amelio and John Garbarini, sixteen and eighteen years old respectively, and Austin Ripetti.

four leen years old.

The officer told the Court that during bis search in following the burglars from place to place where they had broken in quantities of goods of different kinds had been found scattered over the roofs as well as in the ferent hallways.

The pris ners were held for trial. It is thought the men belong to a regularly or-ganized burglar gang which for some time past has been operating in downtown fac-tories and other business establishments on

## AN EX-PREACHER'S FIENDISH WORK.

tire Household. SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD, I

Parkensburg, W. Va., Feb. 18,-John Elsmer a prosperous farmer and formerly a local preacher at Elizabeth, Saturday went

home drunk. Seizing a heavy poker, he brained his wife and two daughters, aged respectively twelve and seventeen, and also killed the hired girl, set fire to the house and burned their bodies. He is in jail at Wirt Court-House, and the Sheriff has a strong guard to prevent lynching if possible. Eismer claims that thieves did the terrible work.

Promise of Clear V cather This Evening The weather sage at the top of the Equitable Building was full of pride this morning over the fact that his bureau accurately predicted the hour when this morning's rainfall would come. Sergt. Dunn said that a brisk wind will drive off the rain some time this afternoon, and that to-morrow it will be colder.

#### M. Meline's Cabinet About Complete. INY CABLE TO THE PRESS NEWS ASSOCIATION. I Panis, Feb. 18, -M. Meline says he expects to complete the new Cabinet in time to announce if in the Chambers this evening.

Senator Songeon, of the Scine, Dead. Paris, Feb. 18, -M. Songeon, Schator from the Department of the Scine, is dead.

For the Weal of Ireland. The Irish Parliamentary Fund Committee will

# O'CLOCK.

# Lives Re-

# ported Lost in Hartford This Morning.

# The Park Central Hotel's **Boiler Explodes.**

Terrible Scene of bers remaining. Panic and Terror.

# Ruins of the Hotel Catch Fire After the Wreck.

They each had a drawn revolver and ordered the officer to halt.

Instead he whipped out his revolver and called out. "Surrender or I fire!"

At this they threw down their weapons and grave up.

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By the Firemen.

Then the strom sight.

Mrs. Elle Britain, Con main building.

SOLDIERS FORM A FIRE-LINE.

Clouds of Smoke and Steam Hinder the Firemen in Their Work of Rescue.

The Exact Number of Killed Not Yet Learned.

ISPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD. 1 HARTFORD, Conn., Feb. 18.-A terrible calamity has befallen this city. The Park Central Hotel is a mass of ruins and buried

in the debris are many persons. At 4.50 o'clock this morning a terrific explosion startled all for miles around, and when the rumble had died away the news

spread from lip to lip that the hotel had been blown up. Then came the clang of the fire bells. The ruins bad taken fire.

That there was great loss of life everybody knew. How great it really was none could

At first the loss was estimated at eighty lives. He Becomes Drunk and Murders His En-

Later the death roll was put somewhere between forty and seventy-five. When the terror and excitement were some what allayed it was ascertained that the

hotel's boiler had blown up. The entire Fire Department and all of the police reserves were soon on hand, and the that many thought it to be a : earthquake. work of extinguishing the flames and getting

out the bodies was at once begun. The hotel building was of brick, and five stories in height. The main portion faced on High and Allyn streets, and the front walls here were blown out. The shricks of the terrified inmates were

terrible to hear. To add to the panic, every window in the Earl House, right across Allyn street, was broken, the walls were smashed in many places, and its guests rushed pell-mell into the street.

The boom of the explosion aroused the whole city and crowds of people flocked to the scene.

It was a terrific sight. The flames roaring heavenward, mingled with the cries of the imprisoned inmates, the shouts of the firemen who were trying to rescue them and the hissing of the water as it struck the fiery embers.

## THE LOSS OF LIFE.

The loss of life is believed not to be less than fifty, but it cannot be definitely stated, as the night clerk, Mr. Terry, is among the missing, and his books are destroyed. The following is a partial list of those who

LIST OF DEAD AND MISSING.
LOUIS H. BRONSON and wife and two

children, of this city.

M. GALODY, editor of the German Herald of this city, and wife.

NDREW F. WHITING and wife, Actuary of the Hartford Annuity and Insurance

Company. DWIGHT H. BUELL, jeweller, of this city. Body taken from ruins.
WELLINGTON KETCHUM, proprietor of the hotel, and his wife and son Eddie.

GEORGE ENGLER, drug clerk, of this city, body recovered.
GEORGE S. KETCHUM, brother of the proprietor of the hotel. GEORGE, a colored porter employed in

hotel; body recovered. EDWARD PERRY, night clerk at hotel. REV. DR. PERRIN and wife, Secretary of the Congregational Tract Bociety.

AMOS RISLEY, hotel engineer. EDDIE BOYLE.—He was last seen in the hotel and is probably dead. CHARLES M. WEBSTER, of Webster & Moore, insurance agents, this city, was

in the hotel and is among the missing. MR. POND, of Indiana, the Democratic Speaker, was one of the guests at the hotel and is also missing.

W. TILLOTSON, commercial traveller. MR. STIFFLES, safe agent. Nothing had been seen or heard of any of

the above at 5.30 o'clock. NEARLY ALL THE HELP SAVED. Nearly all the help employed in the hotel were saved. They occupied the sleeping apartment in the east wing of the annex, which was only partly wrecked by the ex-

plosion. Some forced their way out themselves, others were helped out.

hotel was gone, only a pile of brick and tim-HORBIBLE SCENES ABOUT THE BUINS. The scenes about the ruins were horrible. In the centre of the spot where the build-

At this time the entire main section of the

finally fell back into the flames and died in plain sight of the spectators. The little one cried for help, but the man and woman uttered not a word, but embraced

ing stood were a man, his wife and a little girl. No help could get to them, and they

n each other's arms met death bravely. A YOUNG GIRL'S HORRIBLE PATE. Way out near the annex the shricks of a woman caused the blood of the people looking on to turn cold as they saw a young girl lying with her body half across a beam, a look

of agony on her face. Then the support fell and she disappe

MRS. DRISCOE'S ESCAPE. Mrs. Ellen Driscoe, a boarder, of New Britain, Conn., was the first taken out of the main building. Her room was at the southeast corner of the hotel, and she is entirely uninjured further than the shock to her system.

Later, Harry Stiffel, a commercial traveller, of Philadelphia, was taken out from under his bed, which had been turned upside down by the force of the explosion. He was able to walk away unassisted, and

when asked if he was hurt said: "You bet your life I'm not." THROWN PIFTY PEET IN THE AIR. Jack Jurpin, colored waiter, was thrown fifty feet in the air. He was found living, but

many bones broken. SOLDIERS ABOUN At 10 o'clock two special alarms were sent out for the city companies of the State militia for the purpose of aiding in the rescue of the unfortunate of the accident and also to form

a cordon around the standing walls, which at that hour looked very threatening. At noon the firemen and police were working like beavers trying to rescue the bodies

and possibly save more lives. Mr. Bronson and wife were both found dead at 9.30: their child lay near them, dead, Among the missing are Chester M. Webster and Mr. Pond, of Indiana, the well-known

The drizzling rain adds to the gloom of the scene Thousands of anxious and cyclous people throng the scene of the acciders, and the stories told by those who come to on the scene right after the explosion are heartrending.

THE BOILERS LEFT TO CARE FOR THAMSELVES

PAIN ADDS TO THE GLOOM

The disaster was apparently the result of neglect. The boilers were in the basement of the hotel and in the care o' Alex Chuer and Amos Griswold. They we it off duty at midnight, leaving the bollers to take care of themselves. Amos Risley the engineer is among the

dead, so that little information can be obtained about the cause of the explosion, and the men who had been in cha ge of the boiler

The shock of the explosion, was so great

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